

CITY OF LEWISTON

CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY 7, 2008

INAUGURATION HELD AT THE LEWISTON MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM AT 6:30 P.M.

THE HONORABLE LAURENT F. GILBERT, SR., MAYOR, PRESIDING.

PRESENT: Mayor-elect Laurent F. Gilbert, Sr., Councilors-elect Thomas P. Peters, II, Nelson M. J. Peters, Jr., Larry J. Poulin, Denis L. Theriault, Tina G. Bailey, Elizabeth A. Dube, Robert A. Reed, and City Clerk Kathleen M. Montejo.

ALSO PRESENT: School Committee Members-elect Leah M. B. Poulin, John T. Butler, Jr., Laurier P. Lachance, Dennis Grafflin, James R. Handy, Norman Prevost, Ronella A. Paradis, Thomas P. Shannon, Superintendent of Schools Leon Levesque and student representative Adam Tucker.

Mayor Gilbert called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

All stood for the presentation of the colors by the Lewiston Fire Department and Police Department Color Guard, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the singing of the National Anthem by Danielle Taylor, a junior at Lewiston High School.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

At the request of Mayor Gilbert, the opening prayer was offered by Rabbi Hillel Katzir from Temple Shalom, Auburn.

At the request of Mayor Gilbert, the invocation was offered by Reverend Daniel Greenleaf, from Holy Cross Church, Lewiston.

Mayor Gilbert then requested that the City Clerk collect the election credentials and present them for inspection. The following credentials were received, examined by Mayor Gilbert, and approved:

MAYOR-ELECT

Laurent F. Gilbert, Sr.

COUNCILORS-ELECT

Thomas P. Peters, II, Ward 1
Nelson M. J. Peters, Jr., Ward 2
Larry J. Poulin, Ward 3
Denis L. Theriault, Ward 4
Tina G. Bailey, Ward 5
Elizabeth A. Dube, Ward 6
Robert A. Reed, Ward 7

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS-ELECT

Leah M. B. Poulin, At-Large
John T. Butler, Jr., Ward 1
Laurier P. Lachance, Ward 2
Dennis Grafflin, Ward 3
James R. Handy, Ward 4
Norman B. Prevost, Ward 5
Ronella A. Paradis, Ward 6
Thomas P. Shannon, Ward 7

The City Clerk administered the oath of office to Mayor-elect Laurent F, Gilbert, Sr.

At the request of Mayor Gilbert, the City Clerk administered the oath of office to the members of the City Council.

Mayor Gilbert nominated Larry J. Poulin as the City Council member on the School Committee.

VOTE (1-2008)

Motion by Councilor Theriault, seconded by Councilor Reed:

That Larry J. Poulin, Councilor of Ward 3, be appointed as the City Council representative on the School Committee. Passed - Vote 6-0-1 (Councilor Poulin abstained.)

At the request of Mayor Gilbert, the City Clerk administered the oath of office to members of the School Committee.

VOTE (2-2008)

Motion by Councilor N. Peters, seconded by Councilor Dube:

That Thomas Peters, II, Councilor of Ward 1, be elected City Council President.
Passed - Vote 6-0-1 (Councilor T. Peters abstained.)

Council President Peters gave a brief speech. At the end of his remarks, Councilor T. Peters invited Councilor Reed and Councilor Theriault to the podium for a few comments. Councilor Reed invited Luke Jensen, chairperson of the Lewiston Youth Advisory Council, to join them on stage. Councilors Reed and Theriault stated on behalf of the City Council and School Committee, they have received pledges from the elected officials for contributions in total of \$2,100. These pledges were received for the electronic message board project that is being organized by LYAC. It was noted that all elected officials on stage this evening made contributions and that the pledge sheet will be available at the reception as well.

Mayor Gilbert called upon School Superintendent Leon Levesque to conduct the nomination and election of the School Committee Chairperson. Mr. Levesque approached the podium and requested nominations from the School Committee for the position of Chairperson.

VOTE (3-2008)

Motion by School Committee Member Prevost, seconded by School Committee Member Handy:

That Thomas P. Shannon, School Committee member of Ward 7, be elected School Committee Chairperson. Passed - Vote 7-0-1 (School Committee member Shannon abstained.)

School Committee Chairperson Thomas Shannon provided a brief speech.

Mayor Gilbert delivered his Inaugural Address.

At the request of Mayor Gilbert, Ismail Ahmed, representing the Muslim Community, gave the closing prayer.

The colors were retired by the Lewiston Fire Department and Police Department Color Guards.

VOTE (4-2008)

Motion by Councilor Bailey, seconded by School Committee Member Butler:

To adjourn the meeting. Passed - Vote 15 - 0 (Vote of City Councilors and School Committee members). Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Mayor Gilbert then invited everyone to attend the Inaugural Reception upstairs in the school cafeteria.

A true record, Attest:

Kathleen M. Montejo, MMC
City Clerk
Lewiston, Maine